

acter. This exercise proved not only an interesting one, but a very helpful one. Sister Rench is a very successful teacher in the Sabbath school, and we most heartily recommend her methods to all who are engaged in similar work. Try them. Your boys and girls may be a little timid at first, but with your encouragement they will get over that.

We are glad to know that Sister Nelson, Turlock, California, is so well pleased with the EVANGELIST. The weekly letters by Brethren Tombaugh and Gillin add much to the interest of the paper, and we trust they will continue them. Sister Nelson is not the only one who has expressed herself as intensely interested in these letters. There are hundreds who appreciate them equally well.

Special attention is called to the article by Brother Furry in another column. Brother Furry is intensely interested in the work of extending the kingdom of God, and the campaign he has planned has for its object the stirring of the churches along this line. This he hopes to accomplish by the dissemination of missionary intelligence thru conventions to be held in the churches for that purpose. The work he has outlined will in no way interfere with the plans of missionary Boards, rather it will help them, as it is the purpose to cooperate with them. District mission Boards as well as the National Mission Board are requested to correspond with Brother Furry. Heartly cooperation is invited. Get in touch with him and the movement he is about to inaugurate.

Brother G. W. Rench rejoices, and we rejoice with him, in the victory that has come to the cause which he represents in the city of Goshen, Ind. The meeting in progress in that place for some time has closed and the result as reported in this issue of the paper is an increase in the membership of 24. These accessions, however, are but the visible results, and not all of that. The church has gathered strength to itself, the members are encouraged, the cause of the Brethren gained prestige, the people are more interested in the gospel alone doctrine, a faithful and worthy pastor has added evidence that the preaching of the Word in its primitive simplicity will be blessed of him who gave it. The church in Indiana will do well to concentrate its efforts on this one point until it has grown into a self-supporting congregation. Just as we go to press, a postal card from Brother Rench says; Then were three more additions here yesterday making 27 in all. We shall carry on an aggressive battle to get the paper in every home.

Literary Notes

In providing the tiny garments for a baby's first wardrobe only the softest and daintiest of materials should be used. The clothes may be as exquisite as one pleases, but elaboration should be considered the least important point, and hand sewing should be employed wherever possible. The April Delineator has an article upon the preparation of an infant's first outfit that will be of distinct value to those to whom the subject is one that demands consideration. The various garments are described and illustrated in detail and the materials and decoration fully discussed.

Helen Keller, the remarkable deaf, dumb and blind girl, who has not only learned to talk, but enjoys every privilege of those who hear and see, has just finished writing with her own hands the

story of her remarkable life for The Ladies' Home Journal. In this she describes her first awakening to the realization of life and the world, and all that both contain; her first impressions and feelings and emotions, and the first rays of understanding that came to her. From that point she tells of the unfolding of her mental and physical powers, how she learned to think and act, how she received instruction, and finally became capable of acquiring an education which places her among the best educated women of her age in the world today. It is a wonderful story, wonderfully told. It will begin in the April number of The Journal.

During the present session of Congress The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia, will contain bi-weekly articles on National affairs by the former Postmaster-General, Honorable Charles Emory Smith.

In Men and Measures at Washington Mr. Smith will discuss the great legislative and diplomatic questions of the day, explaining the news of the week and giving a clear presentation of National policies and politics. Mr. Smith's long familiarity with public affairs, his shrewd political insight and his brilliant literary style combine to make these papers of unusual interest.

Not one person in ten thousand of those who will read Helen Keller's own story of her life, when it begins in an early issue of The Ladies' Home Journal, will have the least conception of the amount of hard work required to write the story. First of all Miss Keller puts down her ideas "in Braille," as the blind express it; that is to say, in the system of "points" raised on paper by means of a stylus and slate devised to aid the blind; these "points" being read afterward by passing the sensitive fingers over them. When all of this Braille work has been completed Miss Keller goes to her typewriter and uses these notes as a guide to the rewriting of the story.

As soon as a page of matter is typewritten it is, so to speak, lost to Miss Keller, who has to depend upon her faithful teacher, Miss Sullivan, to repeat it to her by spelling out each sentence by means of the hands. It is a tedious task, especially as some of the pages have to be read again and again, with changes here and there, before Miss Keller is satisfied. Then, when the proofs are sent to her, all this slow process of spelling word after word has to be gone thru once more, so that each word that Helen Keller writes goes thru her fingers at least five times. It will be a satisfaction to everybody to know that the publishers of The Journal have recognized in a substantial manner the extraordinary ability and patience which Miss Keller has shown in her work.

Ashland College

Clyde Smith who has been very ill with congestion of the lungs, is slowly convalescing.

George Gorz, an energetic student of '01, who recently underwent a delicate surgical operation for hernia, is improving.

Wallace Garber, a member of the class of '00, is still in New Mexico. He will leave that country for his home in Ohio the last of this month.

After long waiting, we are glad to report that the Senior class has organized. Harvey Holsinger, of Ridgely, Md., has been elected president. There are about twenty members.

Several new students will enroll next week. The best time of all the year is the Springtime with its April showers and May flowers, and strolling studious students.

T. E. Gordon will not be in college during the

Spring term. C. I. Shook will spend vacation at his home near Dayton, O.

Wm. Beachler, E. D. Burnworth, and D. F. Eikenberry filled their respective appointments last Sunday.

D. F. Eikenberry will proclaim the Word in Pittsburgh, Pa., next Sunday. He is a wide-awake theolog and it will rejoice his many friends if he should enter that field of greater usefulness.

We are all thankful that there was among us for a few days the inspiring and elevating presence of Rev. E. E. Haskins of Johnstown, Pa. He is one of the most successful workers in the Brethren church. It is because he sees and feels the needs of men and on his heart lies the burden of souls. We know that his visit was helpful to us and trust that it may prove helpful to the work in Pennsylvania.

The Lowellites held a mock Senate last Friday evening. Several bills of great importance to the people of the U. S. were passed after due deliberation and also display of oratory.

A banquet was recently planned by a few fair damsels and their gentleman friends to take place in the dormitory basement on a certain evening. Great preparations were made and guards were stationed below. A fire was feigned on the second floor. All rushed above to help extinguish that fire. Some kind-hearted boys just at this time rescued a large part of that banquet below. The loss has not been adjusted by the Dormitory Insurance Company on the ground that sectarian banquets after supper hours are prohibited.

Another large audience was present at the Y. M. C. A. open meeting Sunday afternoon. Prof. Furry delivered an inspiring and heart searching address. He spoke of the impressions received at the great Volunteer convention held recently at Toronto. The time, he said, was one of vision seeing. Never before were we carried so high up the mountain. It was also a time of responsibility. God blesses some that they may carry blessings to others. It was a time of great heart searchings. All were silent before God. The purpose of the convention was to give willing workers a view of the field of work and consider how to best accomplish the evangelization of the world in this generation. The purpose was also to lead men and women to a definite decision as to their life-work. To have been present at that convention meant death to pessimism. No person could look at those three thousand consecrated young people and be otherwise than optimistic as to the church's future. They represented the "very cream of the land," coming from the high institutions of learning in the United States, Canada and England. How pleased such men as Bishop Thoburn must have felt, when they said that the work needed workers, and as they stood there could look into the faces of three thousand, waiting for the call of the Lord to go forth. It was not only pleasing to men, but to God as was evidenced by the marvelous blessings which fell upon that people. The volunteer movement itself is pleasing to God because he is blessing it marvellously. At that convention the word of God was accepted without question. Criticism, higher or lower was not mentioned. We need a more implicit faith in the word of God. Prayer was given a prominent place. It was prayer that enabled John R. Mott to lead nearly two thousand students in Japan to an acceptance of Christ. Our duty today as a church is to set about the extension of the kingdom of God. There is a great necessity for a forward movement. Today there is in the hands of the Christians three fifths of the wealth of the world. And yet there is no money to send the workers who are willing to go. The call comes loud and strong to us to consecrate our all to the extension of the kingdom. The call must needs be heeded. It seems that Jesus is walking thru the world alone. Must Jesus bear the cross alone? Will you not say to him, "No, Lord, I'll go with thee."

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